SOCIAL AND . PERSONAL

The Golden Wedding.

A rosy chain, with flowers and garlands And in its shining meshes with deft hands
Entangled two fond hearts in loving bands,

Years passed, the chain still held through joy and pain, Its captive force; naught proved too great a strain— Nay, strange to say, it grew so much

the stronger, It turned to silver, rosy now no lon-

Life gathered its intensity and fraught With joy and sorrow into glory wrought The erstwhite fragile chain, till now,

behold, Each separate link has turned to purest gold.
-EMILY STEVENSON NEWTON.

PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES.

Enjoyable Musicale.

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The Albemarie Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, celebrated George Washington's birthday by a musical, given in the home of Mrs. R. T. W. Duke, Jr., at Charlottesville.

Mr. Charles Rummel, cellist; Miss Mary Watts Woods and Miss Ida Hanckel, sopranos; Mr. Duval and Mr. Shishmaman, baritones; Mr. Hudson, basso, and Miss Noli Irvine accompanist, presented a highly appreciated programme, at the conclusion of which the guests were served with delicious refreshments and presented with souvenir loxes of bonbons, tied with red, white and biue ribbons and decorated on fop with a George Washington hatchet.

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The Friday Evening Club met with Miss Francis Berkley of No. 2110 East Grace Street. The young people enjoyed themselves very much dancing and playing games. Those present were the Misses Berkley, Clara Gary, Marie and Hazel Cheatwood, Ruth Turner Susie Gary, Bessie Catlett, Margaret De-Jarnette, Mr. George Berkley, Miss Juliette Anderson and others.

Reception to Secretary.

Tullette Anderson and others.

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The recently appointed General Secretary of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company Y. M. C. A. will be given a reception in the association building at the Reservoir, Thursday, March first at 8.30 P. M.

General Secretary. W. C. Bowden, will be formally welcomed by the Secretaries of the city and state branches of the Y. M. C. A. and by General Manager E. W. Huff and Mrs. F. J. Craigie on behalf of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company Y. M. C. A. and its Woman's Auxiliary.

A delightful programme has been prepared which will be announced in full later. Miss Kate E. Puller and Captain F. W. Cunningham will assist in making it a charming one. All employees of the company and their families are cordially invited to be present to meet General Secretary W. C. Bowden who is a Y. M. C. A. man of experience and ability. His former home was New Haven, Connecticut.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary has been postponed to March 18th, on which occasion Mr. Bowden and his mother will meet the ladies.

McCaskill-Petty.

Richmond friends of Miss Ethel Petty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Petty, of Lynchburg, will be interested to hear of her marriage to Mr. Bernard L. McCaskill, which took place at the home of the bride's cousin, Mrs. L. K. Morris, in Albany, Ga., on February 15tn. The Rev. Charles T. Wright performed the ceremony.

Only immediate relatives and friends of the family were present.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaskill will live in

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Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pugh, of Salem, Va., entertained Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Pugh's birthday.

The halls, pariors and library were beautifully decorated in the national colors, flags being conspicuously placed in every available corner.

Six-hand euchre was the order of the evening, there being nine tables.

Miss Bessle Galloway won the first prize, a hand-painted rose-bowl; and Miss Hundley, of Richmonel, received the consolation, a souvenir spoon.

Delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. Lee Brand, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Persinger, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Dr. and Mrs. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Chawford, Mrs. G. L. Worden, Mrs. M. G. McClung, Mrs. J. H. Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Denit, Mrs. J. H. Smith, McClung, Mrs. J. H. Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Mrs. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Denit, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. L. McReynolds, Mrs. W. W. Harveycutter, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Fobs, of Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Priberts, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dillard, Mrs. Rosilynd Roberts Evans, Mrs. H. M. Fox, Misses Claudine Ferguson, Saruh Bushnell, Bessie Galloway, Ida and Sug Kelly, Mable Bowman, Senah Sayers, Mattle Brown, Miss Jones and Miss Hungley; Messrs. W. W. McClung, J. Bowman, Howard Holland, St. Clair Brown, Ray Lybrook, G. E. Koontz, Custis Burwell. Lybrook, G. E. Koontz, Custis Burwel Frank Wiley, F. C. Rinker and th Messrs. Kelly.

. At the Mecklenburg.

Mr. P. B. Fleming, of Raleigh, N. C., gave a pretty luncheon in the card room at the Mccklenburg last Wednesday eve-

Among his guests was Mr. A. B. Gath-Among his guests was Mr. A. B. Gathwrlght, of Richmond. Others present were Miss Neille Martin. Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Myrtle Painter, Washington, D. C.; Miss Madge Fleming, of Raieigh, N. C.; Miss Patsy Barksdale, Danville, Va.; Mrs. Clarke, of Lynchburg; Miss Elizabeth Bagley, Jackson, N. C.; Miss Louise Dixon, Dixondale, Va. and Mr. T. P. Williams.

Personal Mention.

Misses Nettle and Virginia Gatewood, of Newport News, are visiting friends here.

Mrs. Frank West, of Lynchburg, is the mest of friends in this city.

Mrs. J. F. West, of Waverly, Va., visited Richmond last week.

Miss Ruth Birdsong, of Wakefield, Va. is visiting relatives here.

Miss Mary H. Michle, of Orange, Va., is spending some weeks with friends here.

The Misses Rosenbaum are the guests of Mrs. C. M. Guggenheimer, of Lynchburg.

Messrs, J. J. Falson and J. W. Rogers, of Waverly, Va., were in Richmond last

Miss' Irving Withers Wright, of this city, was the guest of honor at a mas-

Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Ellot Norton.

No. 756.

DIXIE

Similed at Harvard, became principal of the Newburpport Grammar School, made studied at Harvard, became principal of the Newburpport Grammar School, made store explorations in 1831, settled in Arkansas, became editor of the Arkansas Advorter engaged in the practice of law, served in the Mexican war, was brigate-speral descent the army after the war practiced law at Mamphis, Tenn., was after dis editor of the Arkansas Advorted and Arkansas A

OUTHRONS, hear your country call you!
Up, lest worse than death befall you!
To arms! To arms! To arms, in Dixie!
Lo! all the beacon-fires are lighted— Let all hearts be now, united!

To arms! To arms! To arms, in Dixle!
Advance the flag of Dixle!
Hurrah! hurrah!
For Dixle's land we take our stand,
And live or die for Dixle!
To arms! To arms!
And conquer peace for Dixle!

Hear the Northern thunders mutter! Northern flags in South winds flutter! Send them back your flerce defiance! Stamp upon th' accursed alliance!

Fear no danger! Shun no labor! Lift up rifle, pike and saber! Shoulder pressing close to shoulder, Let the odds make each heart bolder!

How the South's great heart rejoices At your cannon's ringing voices! For faith betrayed and pledges broken, Wrongs inflicted; insults spoken.

Strong as lions, swift as eagles, Back to their kennels hunt these beagles! Cut the unequal bonds asunder! Let them hence each other plunder!

Swear upon your country's altar Never to submit or falter Till the spoilers are defeated, Till the Lord's work is completed.

Halt not till our Federation Secure among earth's Powers its station! Then at peace, and crowned with glory, Hear your children tell the story!

If the loved ones weep in sadness, Victory soon shall bring them gladness— To arms! Exultant pride, soon banish sorrow, Smiles, chase tears away to-morrow

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SATURDAY'S DRAG HUNT.

Eager Field of Twelve Mounts

Followed the Keswick Hounds. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) COBHAM, VA., Feb. 25.—The fixture for Saturday's drag hunt at Keswick station

UNKNOWN BODY

for Probably Several

Months. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORTON, VA., February 25.—The body

of an unknown person was found south

of this place yesterday afternoon by a

hunting party on Stone Mountain. The

Mayor was notified by the persons find-

ing the body of the dead man, but it

soon develoyed that the body was far be-

yond the corporate limits, and Coroner

Smith was notified and held the inquest.

RELIABLE SEEDS.

WE ARE HEADQUARTERS.
FOR GARDEN AND FLOWER
SEEDS OF THE HIGHEST
QUALITY AND GER.
MINATION.
Maine grown and Second Crop
Virginia grown Seed Potatoes,
Grass and Clover Seeds, Rape,
Vetches, Alfalfa, Seed Oats, etc.,
etc. Buy your seeds from us, and
you will set good seeds every time.
Write us for Quotations. Catalogue mailed free on request,
DIGGS & BEADLES,
Seed Merchants,
1709 East Franklin Street,
RICHMOND, VA.
Branch Store; 805 East Marshall St.

querade ball given by Mrs. Walker, of Louisa, Va., Friday evening, February 18th.

Miss Jean Mercer, of Williamsburg, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Herbert to Miss Ela Daniel on the 28th of February. Miss Jean Mercer, of Williamsburg, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Herbert Lightfoot, in Newport News. Miss Mer-cer is well known and very popular here.

Miss Mary Lee, who was severely in-jured in a runaway accident near Mill-wood, Va., some weeks ago, is thought to be entirely out of danger now.

Mr. W. H. Miller has returned to his home in Lynchburg, after a bus ness trip to Richmond.

Mrs. Ernest Woolfolk, who has been spending some time with her husband at the hospital here, has returned to her home in Thorn Hill, Va.

Mr. Cliff Well is registered at Hotel Carroll, in Lynchburg.

Mrs. A. H. Taylor, of Newport News, is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Hart, in this city.

Among the latest arrivals at the Meck-lenburg, Chase City, Va., is Mr. S. F. Blodgett, of this city.

Miss Zoar Payne is the guest of Mrs. N. T. Wingfield in Charlottesville.

Mr. John T. Harmon, who has been in this city on business, has returned to Staunton.

Miss Lucy B. Tallaferro, of Orange, Va., is the guest of her brother, United States Senator James P. Tallaferro, at the "Shoreham" in Washington, D. C. From there she will go to Baltimore to spend some time.

Miss Marie B. Reid, who came to Richmond to attend the crystal wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, has re-turned to her home in Norfolk.

Mr. Harry H. Peck has returned to Richmond, atter a mome in Staunton,

The Rev. G. O. Meade, of Christ Church, this city, is the guest of his father, Mr. E. C. Meade, in Charlottesville.

Mrs. F. W. Dance has returned from Danville, where she was called on ac-count of the illness of her sister, now much improved.

Mr. Reid, of Chatham, Va., one of the trustees of the Chatham Episcopal Institute, was in Richmond Friday. He says that the school is going on, classes having been fully resumed. It is the intention of the trustees to rebuild the school at once, Mr. Reid considers that every one connected with the Institute deserves praise for the manner in which they have gone to work and the courage they have shown.

Mr. and Mrs. James Clay Gentry are on a short visit to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Balley, of this city, en route from Atlanta to Washington and other cities North. Mr. Gentry was formerly with the Southern Rallway here, but is now a resident of Atlanta and is prominently connected with The Atlanta Ice and Coal Company.

Daniel-Daniel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BARROWS STONE, VA., Feb. 25.—

Mr. J. J. Daniel of Rux. Va., and Miss
Nannie Daniel, of Tobacco, were married
Wednesday after-noon at 4 o'clock. Mr.
Daniel is a son of Mr. R. M. Daniel and
is a young man of sterling qualities.

WORK PRESSING

Great Mass of Business of Moment Will Necessarily Be Left Over.

OUTLINE OF CLOSING WEEK

House to Take Up Caton General Insurance Bill as Special Order To-Day.

The present week will be a busy one in the Legislature, and both houses are expected to hold at least as many as two sessions daily. There are less than fifteen working days left, and already nearly 1,800 bills have been offered. Of these, less than seventy-five have become laws, and the number yet to get through will

be much smaller.

The House will to-day consider the

The House will to-day consider the Caton general insurance measure as a special and continuing order, and this will consume both sessions, in all likelihood. The bill will probably pass.

The Williams bill to re-enact the Wharton anti-compact law is the next special order on the calendar, and this will almost certainly provoke a sharp contest. There are many bills of interest and importance yet unpassed, and some of them will remain in this state.

The Senate will take up the general appropriation bill, already passed in the House, in a few days, and Colonel Bowman will to-day offer in the House a supplementary one and start it on its way to passage.

Special local and private bills will have a hard time from now on, and little or no progress is expected to be made with matters that are not of the most sweeping general interest and moment.

The measure before committee of Hon, David B. Powers, Jr. of Caroline which seeks to sell the States interest in the Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad is one of State wide interest. It opens up the discussion of a question upon which the people of the state are much divided.

The bill qrovides price for which the the bonds shall be sold, and that same when sold shall be devoted to the payment of the state debt. The Road committee has set to-day at 10 A. M. for taking up the bill.

Additional insurance legislation of very considerable importance was proposed in the Senate Saturday, Mr. Kerns, of Hall, fax, offered a bill defining and regulating mutual assessment and co-opeative fire, lightning and storm insurance companies, and Mr. Fulton, of Warren, offered a bill to require insurance companies doing business in Virginia to deposit loans or invest moneys within the State equal to 75 per cent, of the amount of the net receipts of the business of the companies done within the State. The Fulton bill applies to all insurance companies net receipts of the business of the com-panies done within the State. The Fulton bill applies to all insurance companies. Any company refusing to comply with the provisions of the act will not be allowed to do business in the States and any company doing business and failing to comply will be fined not less than \$50 for each offense. Any agent or officer of any such company will also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be of any such company wire also be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be fined not less than \$100 or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both. Under the act the companies must make a report to the State Corporation Commission, showing the total net receipts from the business done in the State.

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A bill introduced in the Senate Saturday by Captain Patteson, of Buckingham, contemplates an increase of twenty-five per cent, in the pensions of all Confederate soldiers who have reached the age of sixty-five years. Another bill introduced by Captain Patteson proposes a stamp tax of one cent upon all checks of \$50 and over, drawn upon any bank or trust company in Virginia, the fund created thereby to be ratably proportioned among all Confederate soldiers who have reached or may hereafter reach the age of sixty-five years, and this fund is to be in addition to the pensions now received by them. The bill is to go into effect on the 1st of July, 1906, and will expire by limitation on the first of July, 1911, that is five years after its date. It was suggested to Captain Patteson by several bank officials that if the bill were limited to five years it would be acceptable. Captain Patteson will press these new pension bills which he is earnestly advocating.

"A man," he declares, "who draws a fitty-dollar check is well able to pay one cent for the relief of a worthy class who, in the nature of things, must soon pay the great debt of nature." Saturday's drag hunt at Keswick station brought out an eager field of twelve mounts from both Charlottesville and Keswick hunts. Those ridding to hounds were: Julian Morris, of "Brandon;" Josin on "Roundike; Dr. 'Inurnan On "Thunder", Jackson on "Rivanna", Kenneth Brown on "Geybing", Whitem on "Waif"; Cre on "Tatnal", Cunningham on "Rapidan"; Deer on "Janice"; Horn on "Sanhett on "Easter Sunday." "Psyche"; Sanhett on "Easter Sunday." The finish on the "Clover Fields" lawn brought riders and spectators together for a Social chat and cup of tea.

The Senate bill appropriating \$17,000 for the establishment of the Virginia school for the Deaf and Blind, Saturday went to the Committee on Finance with a fa-vorable report from the Committee on Public Institutions and Education. FOUND BY HUNTERS Had Been Lying in the Mountains

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Delegate R. E. Byrd will offer in the House to-day the following resolution which speaks for liself:
"Resolved by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That a joint committee of three members of the General Assembly be appointed, one by the President of the Senate and two by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.
"This committee shall sit during recess of the General Assembly and inquire as follows:

quire as follows:

"(1) Is the price of school books required to be used in the public schools of Virginia higher than in any other

State, and if so, why?

"(2) Could the State with due consideration to economy publish the school books used by the public school pupils? "(3) Are the profits of the school book publishing companies exorbitant, and if so, is there any remedy for this condi-

Smith was notified and held the inquest. Dr. M. L. Staliard and R. P. Carr carefully examined the body, and found no traces of violence, although the body was badly decomposed, and had been lying there, according to the opinion of the physicians, about three months. There were no papers or any of the clothing or effects to lead to the identity of the person, who was found to be a colored man. Upon his person was found a deck of cards, two dice and a bunch of keys. He is supposed to have been a gambler who probably wandered to the mountain side drunk and fell asleep and was frozen to death. The jurors, after carefully examining the body, returned a verdict of death by an unknown cause. so, is there any remedy for this condi-tion?
"The members of the committee shall be paid at the rate of \$4 per day for each day engaged in the matter here-in provided for, with necessary travel-ing expenses, but the per diem and traveling expenses shall not exceed \$20 each.

each.
"The report of the committee shall be made to the next General Assembly, and the sum of \$150 is hereby appropriated for the expenses of the committee."

The House Committee on General Laws Saturday put a quietus on Delegate Gaines's child labor bill and also on the Richmond bill to prevent the pollution of the waters of Virginia streams. Consideration of both were indefinitely

The House Committee on Courts of Justice at its session Saturday decided to report favorably on the Spessard-Throck morton bill, providing that all criminals sentenced to be hanged shall be taken to the penitentiary and executed there. It is feared by the patrons that, owing to the lack of time and the rush of other business, the bill cannot reach a vote at business, the bill cannot reach a vote at this session of the Legislature.

Two Norfolk factions are making the

MAKERS OF VIRGINIA LAWS.



lives of members of the Legislature, especially those hailing from the City by the Sea, a little strenuous at the present time, and it is all about House bill No. 230, known as the Puller anti-gerrymandering bill. One delegation that has been in evidence several days favors the bill, but another one showed up yesterday and brought with them a preamble and resolutions passed by the City Council of Norfolk, printed copies of which have been put in the hands of every member of the Legislature. The preamble is at follows:

"Whereas, there is now pending before the Legislature of Virginia a bill known as House Bill No. 230, the effect of which, if passed by the Legislature will be to fasten upon the city of Norfolk for the nxt three years the ward lines existing under the ord nance which became a law on the 20th day of April, 1904, and thus to make permanent for s.id time the existence of the Fourth Ward of the city of Norfolk as now constituted; and "Whereas, such a result would be deleterious to the future g owth and prosperity of the city and detrimental to the better political conditions thereof."

The resolutions, which are couched in elegantly strong English, urge the Legislature not to pass the bill, 'finasmuch as it is aimed especially at Norfolk and has no general purpose, though disguised in words of general application; and further, because the bill is an interference by the Legislature in the local affairs of Norfolk, as evidenced by the election for validation by the Legislature, ro. of the last redistricting measure passed by the present Councils of said city (and, therefore, the last expression of the 10pular will of Norfolk upon this subject), but of the redistricting measure passed by the Councils preceding the present Councils, thereby endeavoring to inflict upon the citizens of Norfolk, for several years or more yet to come, the ac s of Councils which have been out of existence for several years.

The resolutions request the Norfolk legislators to use every effort to defeat the bill, unless it is so amended as to vilidate all previous ordinances for redistricting the city.

Under the resolution the following committee was appointed to come to Richmond and present the protest: Mayor James G. Riddick, George L. Arps, C. H. Bull, H. M. Murray and W. J. Simmons.

The fight for normal schools grows daily hotter. On the Senate side the appropriation asked on the general proposition, is being considered now by the Finance Committee. The particular localities desiring the schools are bending with renewed energy to the task of trying to get one of the plums. Senator Holt, of Newport News, on Saturday of fered a bill providing that one of the schools should be located in his city. Senator St. Clair offered a bill for the location of one at Radford, and Senator Keezell offered a bill for the location of one at Harrisonburg. All three bills were referred to the Finance Committee. Similar bills relating to other localities now before the Committee on Public Institutions and Education were by unanimous consent, transferred to the Finance Committee, also thus bringing all the normal school measures before the last-named committee. The fight for normal schools grows daily hotter. On the Senate side the ap-

The factional fight that has shaken to its foundations the little town of Belle Haven, in Accomac county, has reached its climax by the introduction of a bill in the Senate by Mr. Gunter, of Accomac, providing for the repeal of the charter of the town. Much has been written heretofore about the Belle Haven situation. Mr. Gunter said vestering that the tion. Mr. Gunter said yesterday that the representatives from the section have offered the repeal bill at the request of a majority of the voters. Under the bill all property, real and personal, belonging to the town, will become vested in the board of supervisors of Accomac county, and will be by it sold and the proceeds thereof, together with any money on hand, applied first to the payment of any debts due from the town, and teh remainder tion. Mr. Gunter said yesterday that the appied first to the payment of any debts due from the town, and the remainder thereof be paid to the school board of Pungoteague District, to be by them applied to the use and for the benefit of the public school located in the town.

The Powell bill, exempting physicians from payment of a license tax, was introduced in the Senate Saturday by Mr. St. Clair, of Giles.

An appropriation of \$5,000 for the bene-

fit of the Association for the Preserva-tion of Virginia Antiquities is asked in a bill offered in the Senate Saturday by Judge Wickham, of Henrico county.

One of the Mann law petitions received in the Senate Saturday was six feet long and bore the note that the signa-tures had been "secured by men 79 years of age." The petition came from High-land county.

Judge Wickham, of Henrico, offered in the Senate Saturday a bill providing that the district school boards of Tuckahoe and Fairfield may expend as now provided by law, or invest in whole or in part, the sums received by them respectively from the city of Richmond under the proceedings for the extension of the city limits and may collect the interest on the investments and use it for the benefit of the school districts in such manner as the boards may deem desirable.

The Senate Finance Committee spent a long session Saturday night over the general appropriation bill. The bill has been gotten in good shape and will probably be reported Tuesday morning.

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Dr. Hugh S. Cumming Leaves Angel Island for Far East. San Francisco Call of February

The San Francisco Call of February
4th, says:
"Dr. Hugh S. Cumming of the United
States Marine Hospital Service, and for
the last four and a half years in charge
of the Federal quarantine station at
Angel Island, is shortly to be relieved
of duty here and ordered to Yokohama.
He will be succeeded by Dr. W. ().
Hobdy, at present of the Honolulu station. During his administration of the
Federal quarantine at this port Dr.
Cumming has contrived to make many
friends, while enforcing with even-handed justice the strict regulations provided ed justice the strict regulations provided for the protection of the national health. The news of his coming departure will be received with general regret. When he relieved Dr. Kinyoun the relations between Angel Island and the rest of the local world were decidedly hostile. Friction disappeared under the oil of Dr. Cumming's courteous rule, and aithough the affairs of the Federal quartine have never been administered more firmly than during the last five years, the relations between shipping folk and the man who put their ships in quarantine and did other things to them and their passengers were never more cordial.

Dr. Cumming married Miss Lucy Booth, daughter of Dr. E. G. Booth, of Carter's Grove, Va., and he and Mrs. Cumming and the children will shortly leave San Francisco for Yokohoma.

STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT Home-Seekers of the Northwest

Are Looking Over Virginia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Feb. 25.—The people of Williamsburg were entertained at Cameron Hall last evening by the joint open meeting of the Phoenix and Philomathean Literary Specieles of William and Mary Collexe.

Bishop Edwin R. Lines, Episcopal bishop of Newark, N. J., will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the students of Williams and Mary in June.

Dr. J. G. Ferneyhough, State veterinarian, will meet with the farmers and stockmen at the courthouse here March 7th for making arrangements to take the counter of York and James City out of Charles of C

Are Looking Over Virginia.

& Son.

Mr. W. D. Turner, of Madison, Wis.,

Mr. W. D. Turner, of Madison, Wis.,
representing the Southern Land Company,
has been here for several days with a
party of eight home-seekers from the
Northwest. There were twelve in the
original party, but four stopped over in
Richmond.

WOULD AMEND

Senator Machen Thinks Legislature Should Have Ninety Days to Make Laws.

AS A MATTER OF PROTECTION

Member Convinced That More Time is Needed to Guard Against Defective Laws.

Constitutional amendments, increasing

the length of the session of the General

Assembly to ninety days, restricting the introduction of bills, and radically changing the modus operandi of the legisla-mill itself, all designed to facilitate work and to lessen the likelihood of the enactment of half-digested laws, too the enactment of half-digested laws, too often defective and ill-considered, are proposed in two joint resolutions offered in the Senate yesterday by Mr. Macken, of Alexandria, and referred to committee. In lieu of section 45 of article 4, of the Constitution, providing that the General Assembly shall meet once a two years, the session to continue no longer than 69 days, unless three-fifths of the members of each House agree to, an extension, without pay, not in any instance to exceed 30 days, the Alexandria senator proposes a section permitting the regular session to last ninety days and daysrf uarfir dti dthodi uthodi utrodi retaining the extension feature for thirty days beyond that, if it may be desired by the required three-fifths of the total membership of the Legislature. The present constitutional provision touching the methods governing the enactment of laws, require that each bill be read at length on three different calendar days in each House. The Machen enactment proposes one reading and eliminates much of the calling of the rolls which take up so much time. Finally, Mr. Machen proposes that in the ninety day session, no bills or joint resolutions shall be introduced into either House of the General Assembly at any session thereof, after sixty days from the beginning of the session, except such emergency bills as may be specially recommended after that period by the Governor.

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The Machen amendments refer immediately to a condition now confronting the General Assembly, fleating about in an ocean of bills, good bad and indifferent and with but two weeks left in which to do two months work. Members are unwilling to stay without pay. As it is, the salary is almost, if not insufficient to maintain them in the Capitol. To remain without pay of any sort, would be an expensive luxury. A bill is now on the caleidar, doubling the pay, which might make extensions pospible, when the public business demands it. Mr. Machen approaches the matter in a different way, and though at this stage of the overcrowded session, his samendments have the odds against them, they have attracted much favorable com-

ment.

"So far as the State is concerned," said.
Mr. Machen, in a recent article in the
Virginia Law Register, very ably and
clearly setting forth his views upon the
subject of "Defects in Legislation,"
"It is reasonably clear that the prime
causes of defective legislation are: First,
the large number of bills introduced, and,
second, the small opportunity there is
for these bills to be thoroughly examined
and discussed."

After this summing of the situation in
a nutshell, Mr. Machen proceeds to discuss plans for remedying conditions, and
outlines the scheme that he has embedied in the constitutional amendments
he proposes. He refers to the fact that
the Constitutional Convention apparently
seeking to prevent hasty and injudicious
legislation by lengthening the session and
providing for the various readings of bills
and numerous roll calls.

The presentation of the report of the special committee appointed to inspect the public grounds and buildings and it is present as to the advisability of dividing the offices of Register of the Land Office and into a last office will be filed on Monday, will be filed on Monday, and the committee on Saturday. "We will be filed on Monday, at last of the committee on Saturday. "We will be filed on Monday, and the major offer a bill carrying out the recommendations to be made by the committee."

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"Would it not, then, be wise to alter the Constitution in this respect? The present method has been given a thor-ough trial, and has been found wanting. Some change should take place, and that without delay.

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"It is not to be expected that any body "It is not to be expected that any body of men, however able and efficient, could be as well prepared to draft a legislative regulation as the Legislature itself. Individually, the legislators can have no desire to either create or maintain a system which cripples their influence and subjects them to undeserved criticism."

Both Legs Cut Off.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ABINGDON, VA., February 25.—At an early hour this morning John Hogan, a young negro, who was stealing a rida on a freight train, fell between the cars and had both legs cut off. The accident occurred while the cars were being shifted at the Abingdon depot. It was three hours after he was injured before he was found and given medical attention.

Heavy Hail Storm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WFILDON, N. C., Feb. 25.—A heavy hall
storm passed over Weldon this afternoon.
There was a remarkable display of lightnight for February and heavy peals of
thunder. The weather was hot and sultry.

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